

**COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**  
**(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)**

Chairman: Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, District No. 7

Members: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1  
Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2  
Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3  
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4  
Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5  
Mrs. Judy C. Mims, District No. 6  
Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., District No. 8  
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, Standing Committee of Berkeley Council, met on Monday, June 17, 2002, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 7:27 p.m.

Present: Chairman; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Councilmember District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Councilmember District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex-officio; Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk to County Council.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and copy of Agenda of this Committee meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers, the media, and other interested citizens.

Chairman Pinckney called the meeting to order and asked the Committee's pleasure on the approval of Minutes for May 13, 2002.

It was moved by Councilmember Vaughn and seconded by Councilmember Farley to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Next on the agenda was Review prior to Second Reading of Bill No. 02-24, an Ordinance to amend Berkeley County Animal Control Ordinance Number 93-11-26 to include provisions further defining terms therein and to further conform to the provisions of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.

Mr. John Nutter stated the current ordinance is a bit lacking with respect to the current South Carolina Laws and the ordinances of surrounding Municipalities and Counties. He stated their goal is to be more in line with everyone else, especially the State.

Councilmember Spooner referenced the ordinance the Committee had in their possession with the changes, additions and deletions. She said it appears that he had taken some things from the Zoning Ordinance and incorporated those such as distances, buffer zones, etc. Mr. Nutter stated that wording was derived from the Wild Animal Ordinance, which was enacted two years ago by County Council.

Councilmember Spooner asked about canines not being vaccinated for rabies, which was on Page 4 of the ordinance. Mr. Nutter stated wolves are not allowed to be vaccinated; so, part wolves are not included as well.

Councilmember Spooner asked does someone have to report mistreatment of animals? Mr. Nutter stated they would normally get a report of mistreatment, malnourishment, beating, etc., and then they would respond and investigate. Councilmember Spooner stated it appears that there are a lot of things addressed in the ordinance to be on top of. Mr. Nutter stated he felt they needed to try to better define what is considered abuse or lack of shelter and cover as many bases as possible when dealing with the public.

Chairman Pinckney stated on Page 8, under Rabies control Provision, Item 2, what is the daily boarding cost?

Mrs. Pearl Sutton of the SPCA stated the Daily Boarding Cost is \$6.00 for an impounded animal. It is \$10 if the animal is quarantined. These costs include food, shelter, cleaning and taking out. Chairman Pinckney asked does the cost need to be explicitly stated or do they need that latitude? Mr. Nutter stated in reading other ordinances from surrounding jurisdictions, they left them out with statements generically stating fees and whatever as relegated by the body that runs the shelter. Since they are under auspices of the SPCA running the shelter, just in case they wanted to change the charge or another group came in, they wouldn't have to go through the three readings to have the ordinance changed.

Councilmember Richardson asked were these statements gathered from Counties or Municipalities.

Mr. Nutter stated they were gathered from the State of South Carolina, Charleston County and City, Orangeburg and Beaufort Counties.

It was moved by Councilmember Farley and seconded by Councilmember Spooner to send Bill No. 02-24 to Council for Second Reading. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Pinckney stated that next on the agenda was Mr. Elijah Wright and his concern was that the Cross Clinic be turned over to the Cross Community for expansion. He stated the clinic had been there for a long time and is in dire need of expansion.

Mr. Wright stated he was there in regard to the overcrowding of the Cross Clinic and they hoped that Berkeley County would turn the building over to the Cross Community to be expanded to meet the needs of the people in the area. They are presently seeing about 125 patients per month.

Supervisor Rozier asked did they want the clinic turned over to the community or to the Fedder Health Clinic? He stated his understanding was that Fedder had to have the property in order to have the financing to do the expansion.

Mr. Wright stated they may need legal guidance on that issue.

Supervisor Rozier suggested they send the item to Council and allow him to bring back additional information next week. He stated that he met with Mr. Wright and the folks from the Health Clinic and they wanted to expand the clinic to provide the services. Supervisor Rozier stated his focus was to provide the facility as long as it is used for health purposes and if it changes from that use, the ownership would revert to the County. He stated he has some questions as to whether the community can have ownership and get the financing that's necessary to do the expansion that's needed.

Councilmember Farley asked whether Mr. Wright was currently renting the place? Supervisor Rozier stated it is provided to the Fedder Health Clinic free of charge. They have been using it for years but the services have become so overwhelming that the facility is not large enough. He stated the community approached him about the County expanding the facility but he thought it would be better to deed the facility to them with the requirements that it be used for a Health Clinic and allow them to do the expansion.

Councilmember Vaughn stated that if they are going to get financing, the Community could lease the building for the term of the lease. They could borrow money against the property as long as the lease exceeds 20 years. The mortgage company or bank requirements would be that they own the property through the length of the note.

Chairman Pinckney stated the services are not limited to the Cross Community; they serve surrounding communities as well.

Councilmember Mims asked what kinds of services are provided? Mr. Wright stated, General Practitioner and referrals.

It was moved by Councilmember Vaughn and seconded by Councilmember Richardson to send to Council for Supervisor Rozier to bring additional information regarding the Cross Health Clinic. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Next on the agenda was Chaparral Ranches duck problems.

Mr. Ralph Keene of 210 Mustang Circle stated the ducks have been a long-standing problem for the residents. He stated that about 18 months ago Council approved a rezoning in Ordinance 00-11-67, Section 6.5.14, which stipulated regulations and density restrictions that all animals must be confined to the premises while maintaining a 10 ft. setback from property lines. No free-roaming animals would be permitted including fowls. Mr. Keene stated he was asking that Council act on those restrictions to help get that mess cleaned up.

Supervisor Rozier stated he understands that people bring ducks and put them in the pond.

Mr. Kenneth Drewa stated that when the people have no further use for their ducks, they bring them to Mustang Circle and dump them out. He stated that when he got up this morning he had 10 ducks in his front yard and 5 in his backyard. The droppings are on his patio, they roost on the patio, they roost on top of the garage, they leave droppings everywhere and he can hardly walk without stepping in it. He stated it's a constant problem. Mr. Drewa stated Mustang Circle is a private property with the taxes paid by AMIC Corporation. There are seven families that maintain and try to keep the property clean. He asked again that Council please act on the restrictions stipulated in the ordinance.

Councilmember Mims suggested they mention the health hazards. Mr. Keene stated the pond is stagnated with green slime, how anyone can go in there and catch what little fish there is and eat them is very dangerous. They need to put up signs that say "No Fishing Allowed" and No Dumping of Fowls Allowed." Mr. Drewa stated there are about 36 ducks there and they belong to no one.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Spooner to adjourn. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

July 1, 2002  
Date Approved

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A meeting of the COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on Monday June 17, 2002, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, following the meeting of the Committee on Community Services and the Committee on Justice and Public Safety at 6:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

May 13, 2002

- A. Review prior to Second Reading of Bill No. 02-24, An Ordinance to amend Berkeley County Animal Control Ordinance Number 93-11-26 to include provisions further defining terms therein and to further conform to the provisions of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.
- B. Mr. Elijah Wright, Re: Cross Health Clinic.
- C. Chaparral Ranches duck problem:  
Comments:  
Mr. Ralph Keene  
Mr. Kenneth Drewa

June 12, 2002  
S/Barbara B. Austin  
Clerk of County Council